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BRING
IT ON!



A full-page comic book illustration of Mega Man in a snowy, industrial setting. Mega Man is in the foreground, wearing his signature blue armor and holding his arm cannon. He has a surprised expression. Behind him is a large, spherical mechanical structure with a red and white striped section and a blue circular opening. The background shows a dark, brick-like wall with red glowing lines and a snowy ground with falling snowflakes. A speech bubble from an unseen character is in the top right corner.

ICE
MAN!
CUT MAN!
ABOVE
US!

TIME KEEPS ON SLIPPING

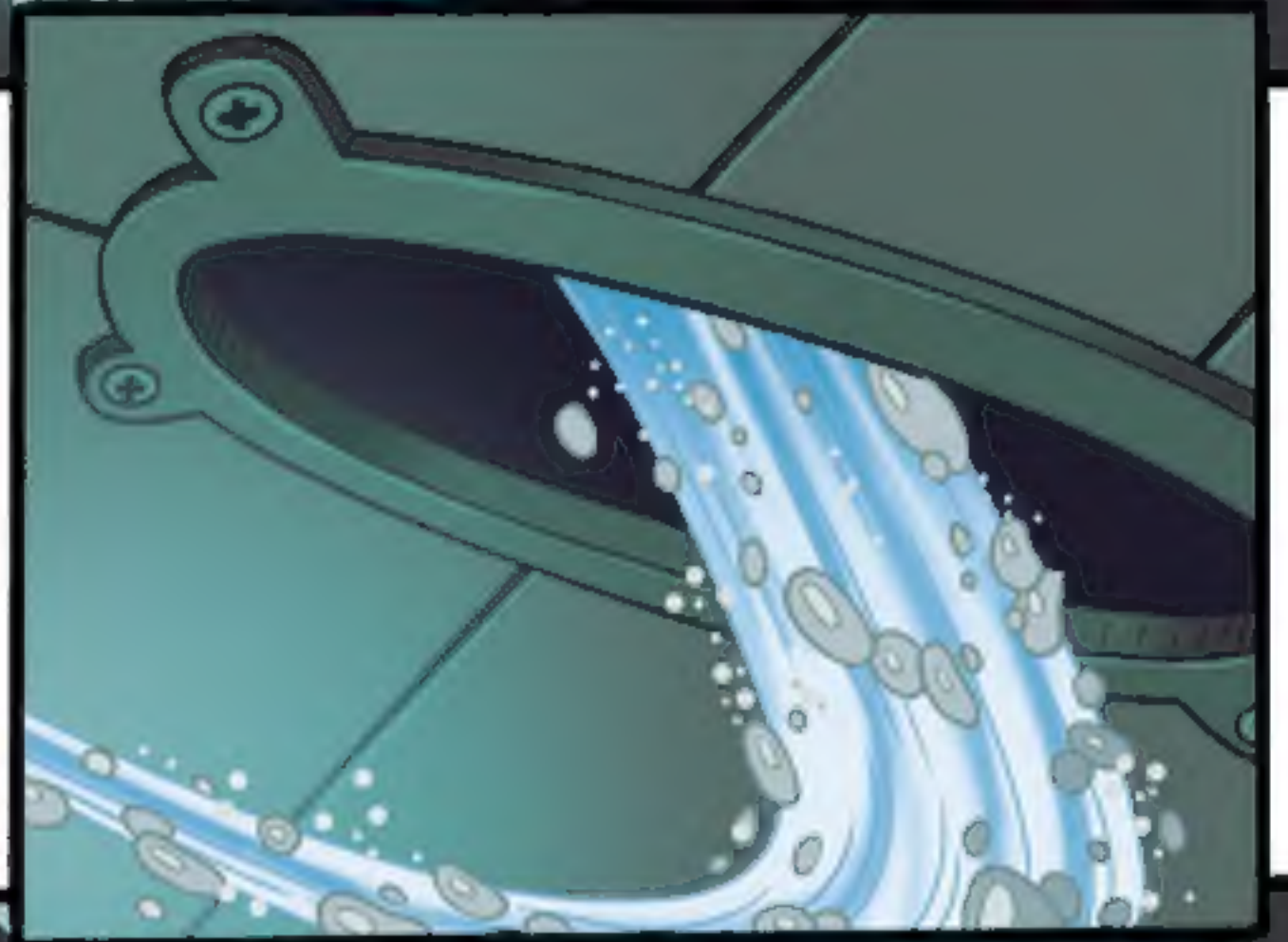
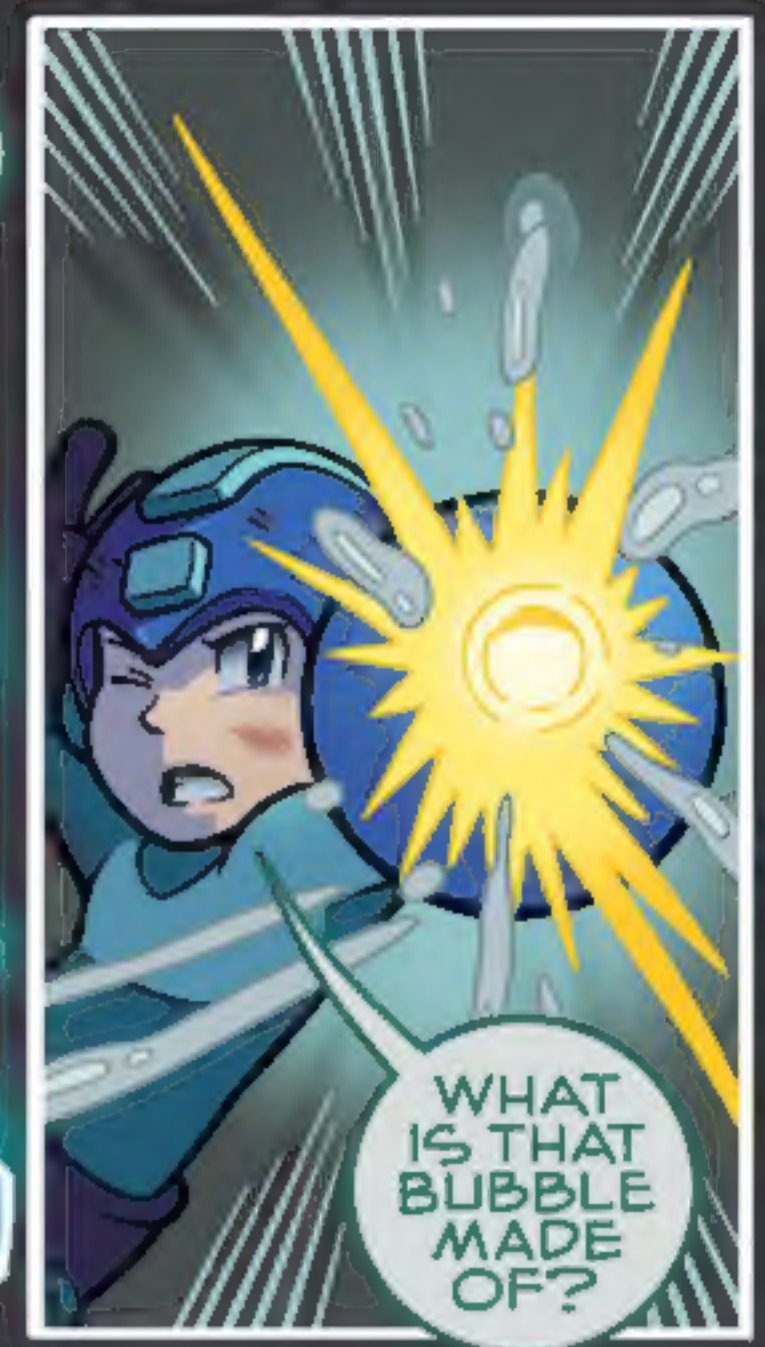
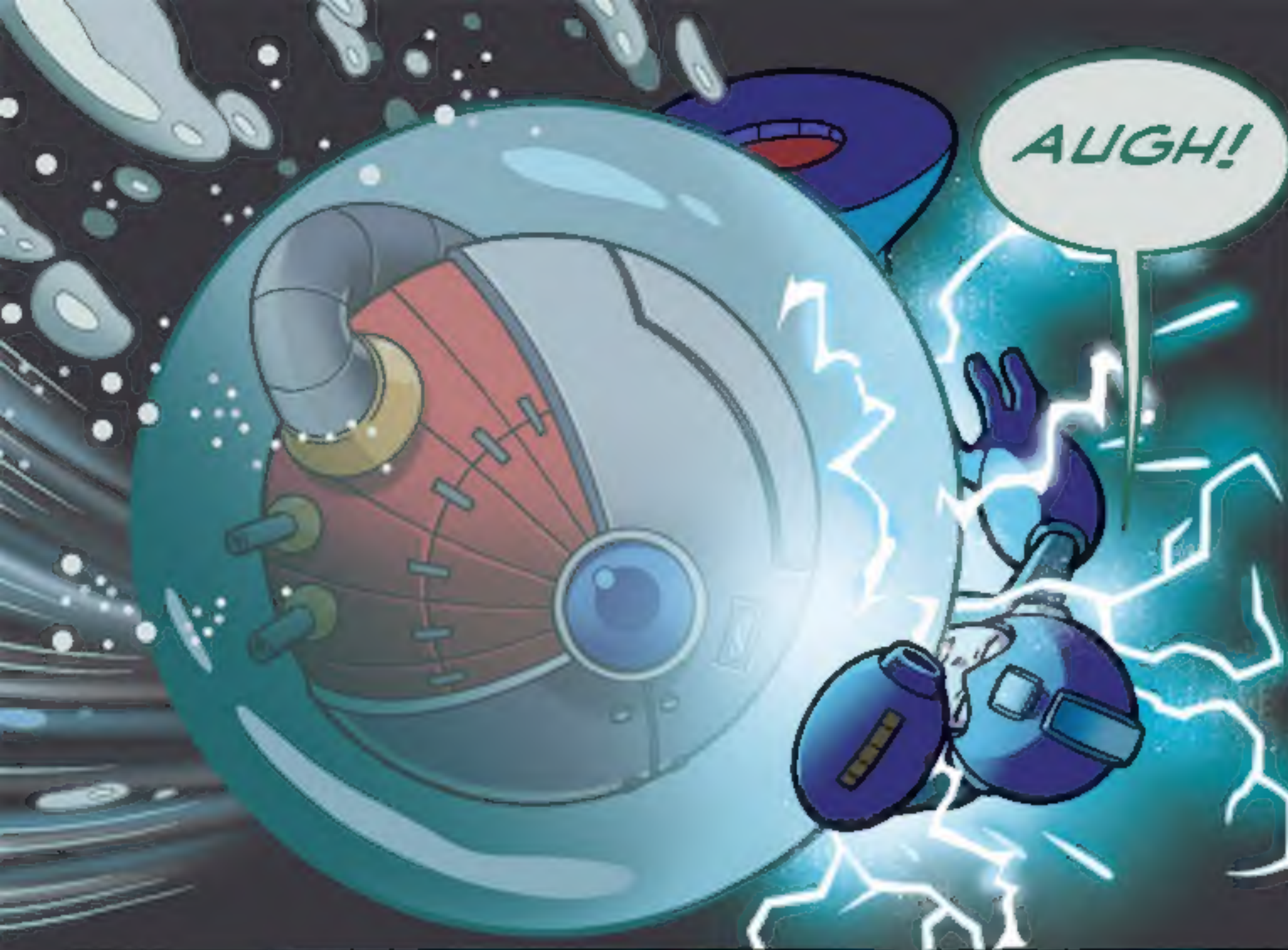
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THOOM

IS THE
ROBOT
...LM...
HAVING
BABIES?

I...DON'T
THINK THAT'S
POSSIBLE.
THEY MAY
BE CUTE,
BUT WATCH
OUT FOR--

BWOM

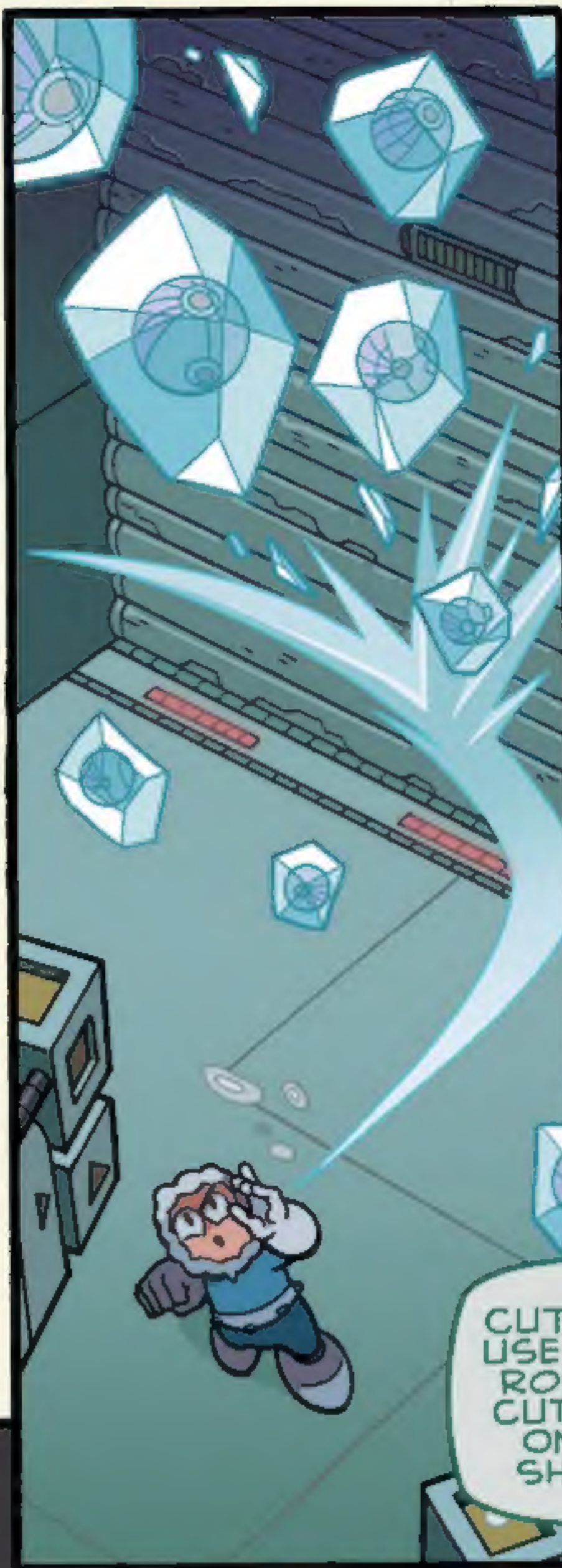


ARE
THEY
"CUTE"
NOW?!

NOT
ANY-
MORE.

GET READY
FOR WHEN
IT COMES
OUT AGAIN--
I'VE GOT
AN IDEA!



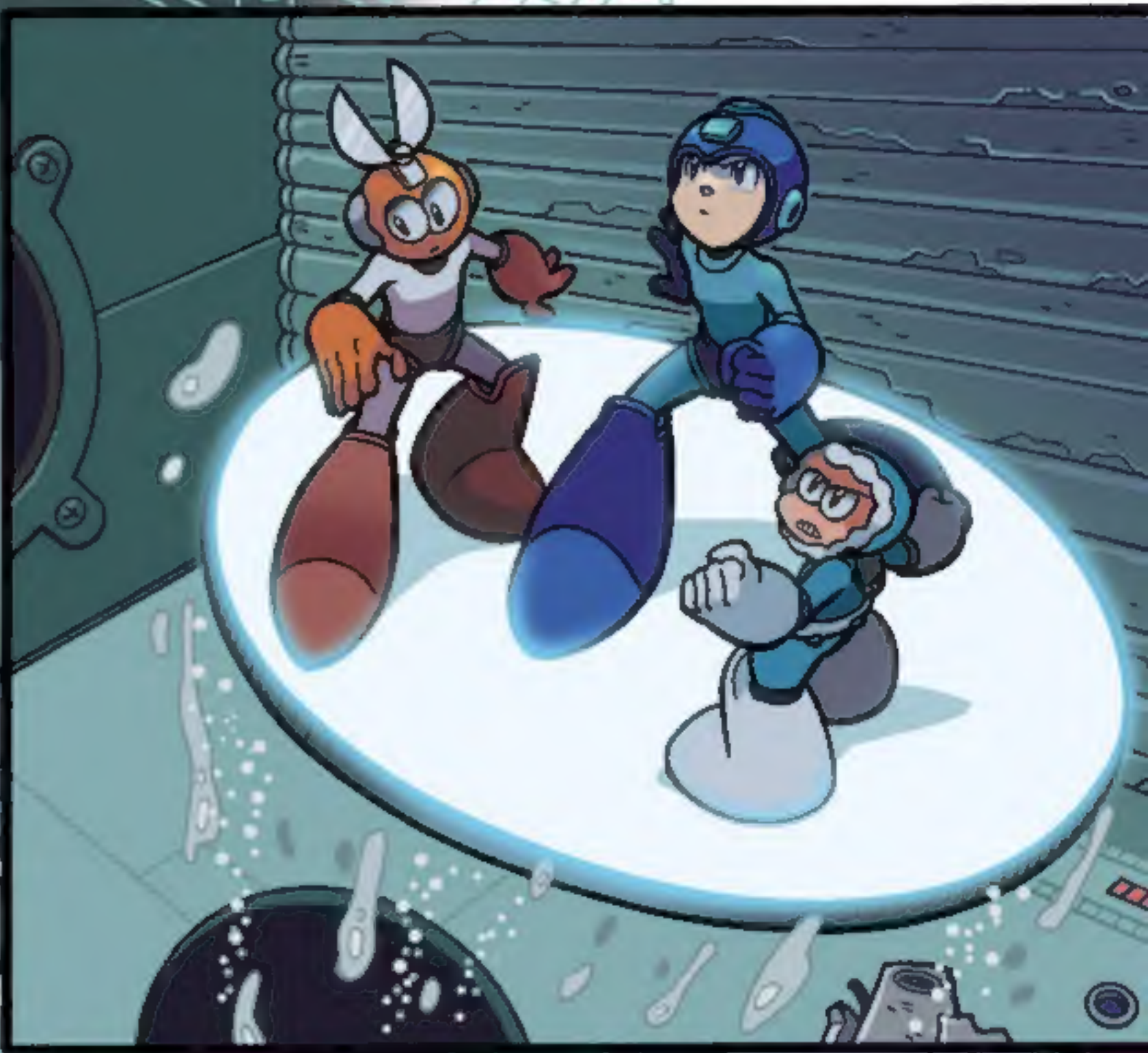


ITS MODEL
NUMBER WAS
CWU-01P. IT
USED TO PURIFY
THE WATER HERE
UNTIL DR. WILY
WEAPONIZED IT.

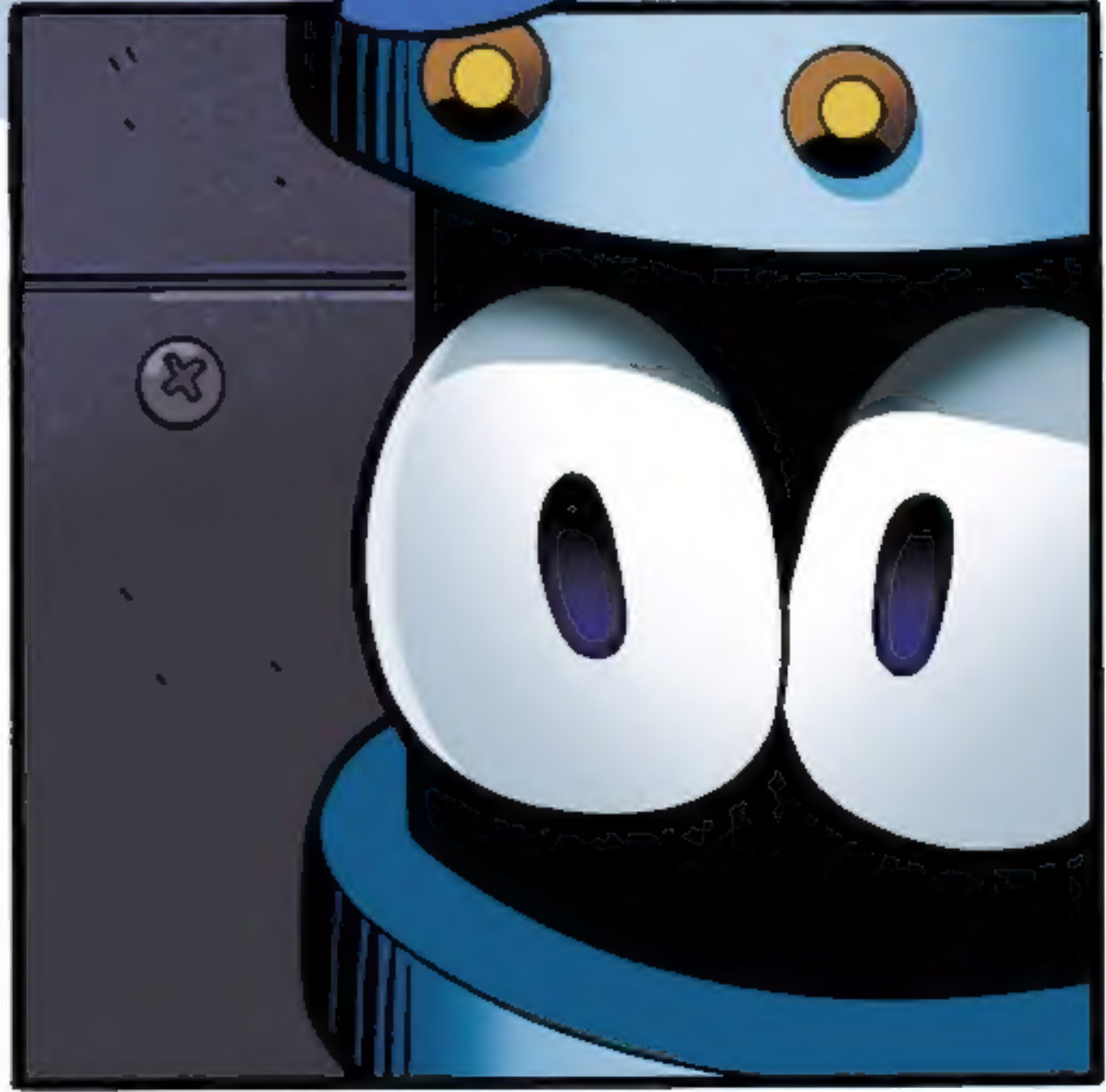
UNTIL WE
TRASHED IT!
THAT'S WHY
WE'RE ROBOT
MASTERS!
WHOOO!

I THINK IT WAS
THE TERRIBLE
PUN THAT
DESTROYED IT.

HEY, GUYS! I
THINK I FOUND
A WAY OUT OF
HERE!



WE'RE
...WE'RE
RIGHT BACK
WHERE WE
STARTED!



ELSEWHERE...

FINALLY. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE FIGURED OUT MY HIDING PLACE FROM THE NOTE, YOU LITTLE METAL MORON.* THEN AGAIN, I DIDN'T EXPECT THOMAS TO BE ARRESTED, HEH HEH HEH!

*MM#6.

NO MATTER. HE'S STILL GATHERING THE ROBOT MASTERS TO HIS SIDE, JUST AS I PLANNED...

...AND THEY'LL ALL COME TO RESCUE MY LITTLE... "HOSTAGE."

AND WITH MY MINIONS FINISHING MY DOUBLE-BLIND, I'M SURE TO...
WHAT ARE THOSE IDIOTS DOING?!

DOWNTOWN.

HEY,
THEY'RE
BACK!

I'M GOING
TO SET UP
THE WORK
LIGHTS FOR
THE EVENING.
I'LL BE
BACK TO
HELP WITH
THE CLEAN-
UP--

WAS WILY BROUGHT TO
JUSTICE? HAVE ROLL AND
DR. LIGHT BEEN SAVED?

UNACCEPTABLE. WE NEED
TO FIND WILY, RESCUE ROLL,
AND CLEAR DR. LIGHT'S
NAME.

BUT
WE DON'T
KNOW WHERE TO
LOOK OR HOW TO
START. I WISH
DR. LIGHT WAS
HERE...


NO. ALL WE
DID WAS GET
LOST AND
FIGHT A WATER
FILTER WITH
DELUSIONS OF
GRANDEUR.

I'M NO
DOCTOR...



...BUT
I'M SURE
I CAN
HELP.

AGENT
KRANTZI!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
BACK
HERE?




DOCTOR LIGHT
WAS WORRIED
ABOUT YOU, AND
CALLED THE LAB.
HE ASKED ME TO
LOOK INTO THINGS
WHEN YOU DIDN'T
ANSWER.

WHEN I CHECKED
LIGHT LABS, I
FOUND THE KID-
NAPPER'S NOTE.
I CAME HERE TO
SEE IF THE ROBOT
MASTERS KNEW
ANYTHING.

ARE
YOU
SURE
YOU'RE
HUMAN
?

"KNEW ANYTHING..."?
OR DO YOU MEAN,
"WERE AT FAULT..."?



I THINK IT'S APPARENT
DR. WILY IS ACTING ON HIS
OWN. MEGA MAN, CAN YOU
PATCH INTO MY CELL'S
SIGNAL? I WANT YOU TO
TELL BOTH ME AND MY
PARTNER WHAT YOU'VE
FOUND.

SURE! LET ME
JUST ADJUST
THIS HERE...



ROCK! I WAS WORRIED! ARE YOU AND ROLL ALL RIGHT?

I'M FINE, BUT ROLL'S NOT. DR. WILY KIDNAPPED HER AND LEFT A NOTE SAYING HE WOULD DISMANTLE HER! I ALREADY CHECKED HIS OLD HIDE-OUT, BUT HE WASN'T THERE!

I CAN CONFIRM THE NOTE AND SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE. THERE WAS A LOT OF OIL ALL OVER THE SCENE, TOO.

WHAT'D I SAY 'BOUT APPROCHIN' THE DESK?! YOU COULD BE IN A CELL RIGHT NOW, Y'KNOW!

ANY INSIGHT ON THIS, DR. LIGHT?

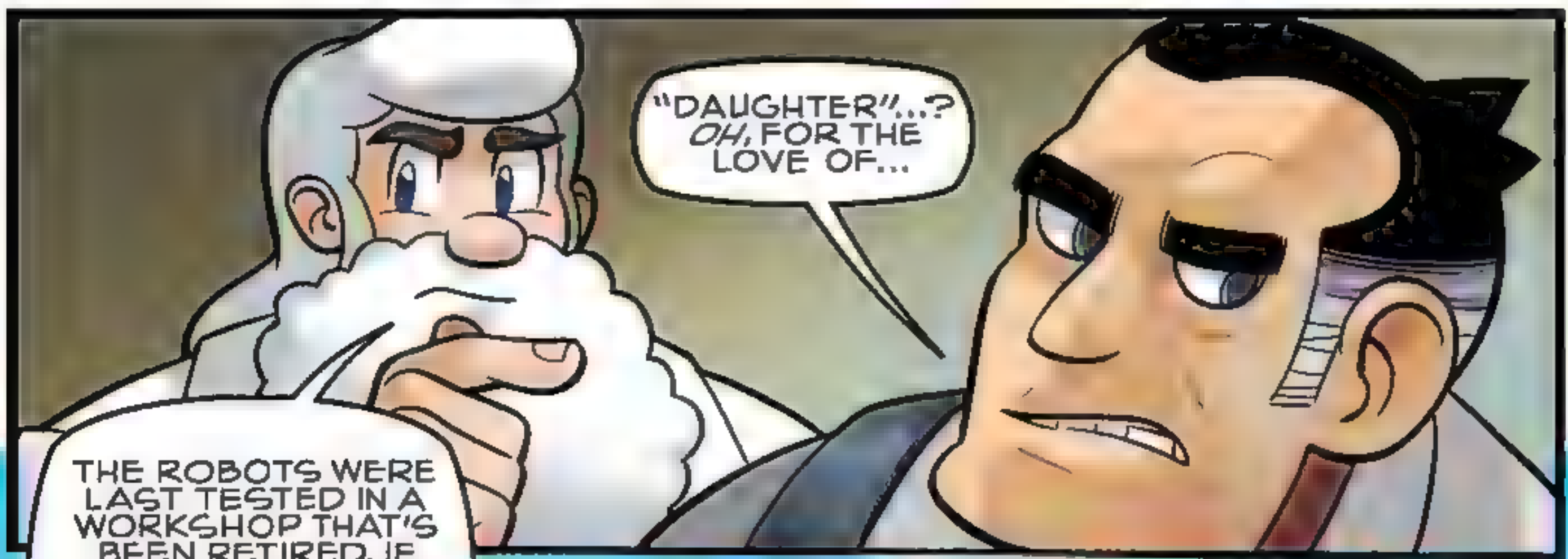
...YES, ACTUALLY. ONE OF THE MISSING ROBOT MASTERS THAT ALBERT AND I WERE WORKING ON WAS FOR OIL-SPILL MANAGEMENT.

AND THE OTHER ONE?

TIME MANIPULATION. WILY'S DISAPPEARANCE WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE IF THOSE TWO WERE FINISHED AND ACTIVATED.

"TIME MANIPULATION" AND "MAKE SENSE," HUH?

COULD WE RETURN TO THE TOPIC OF RESCUING MY DAUGHTER, PLEASE?!



"DAUGHTER"...?
OH, FOR THE
LOVE OF...

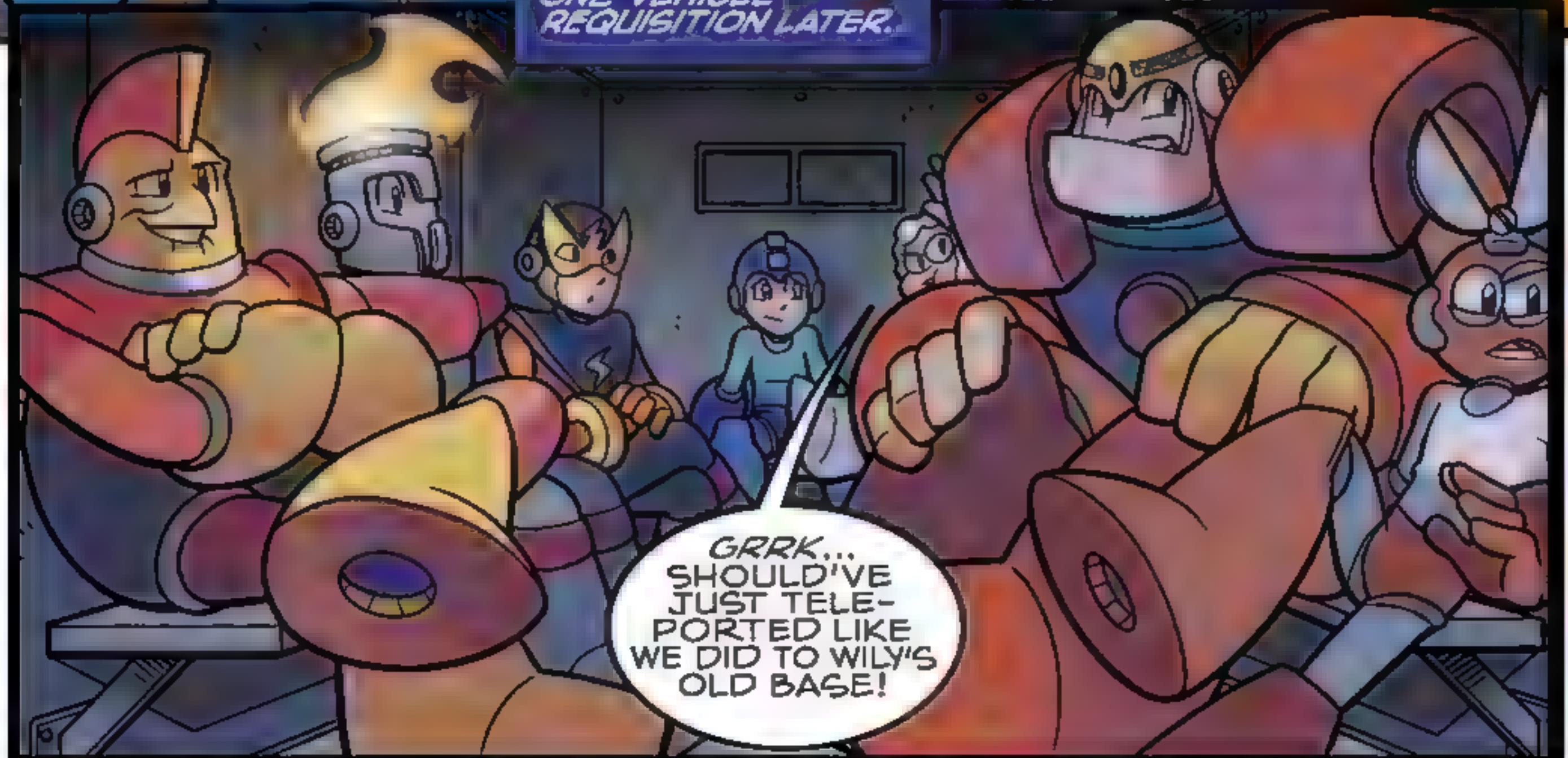
THE ROBOTS WERE
LAST TESTED IN A
WORKSHOP THAT'S
BEEN RETIRED. IF
ALBERT HAS GONE
TO THE TROUBLE
OF STEALING AND
COMPLETING THEM,
HE'S LIKELY HIDING
OUT THERE.




SIT TIGHT,
ROSIE. I'LL
GET THE
ADDRESS
AND PICK
YOU UP.

GIVE ME THE
ADDRESS NOW.
I'VE GOT ALL THE
BACK-UP I'LL EVER
NEED.

ONE VEHICLE
REQUISITION LATER.




GRRK...
SHOULD'VE
JUST TELE-
PORTED LIKE
WE DID TO WILY'S
OLD BASE!

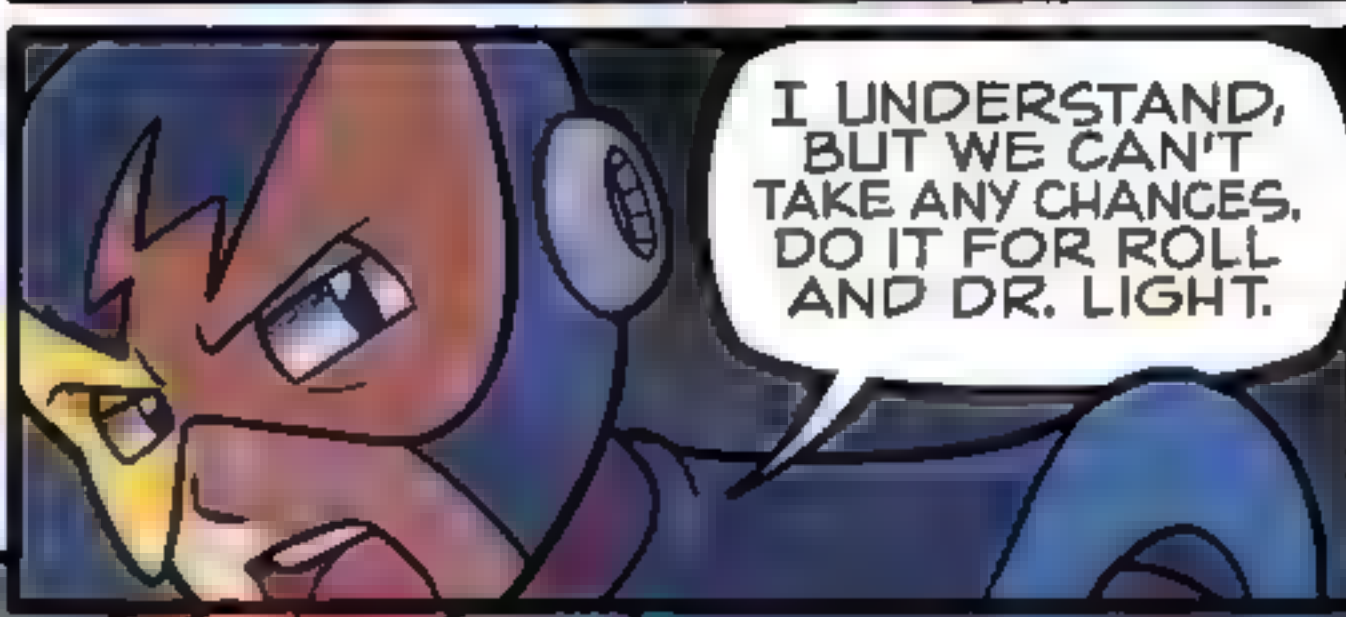


NO, AGENT KRANTZ SAID HE WOULD BE ANTICIPATING THAT. THIS PROVIDES THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE, AND ALLOWS THE AGENT TO COME WITH US.

MEGA MAN...WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'LL HAVE WAITING FOR US, SO WE SHOULD GIVE YOU ALL OUR POWERS AGAIN.



WHAT?!
NO! I DON'T WANT THAT KIND OF POWER AGAIN!



I UNDERSTAND, BUT WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES. DO IT FOR ROLL AND DR. LIGHT.

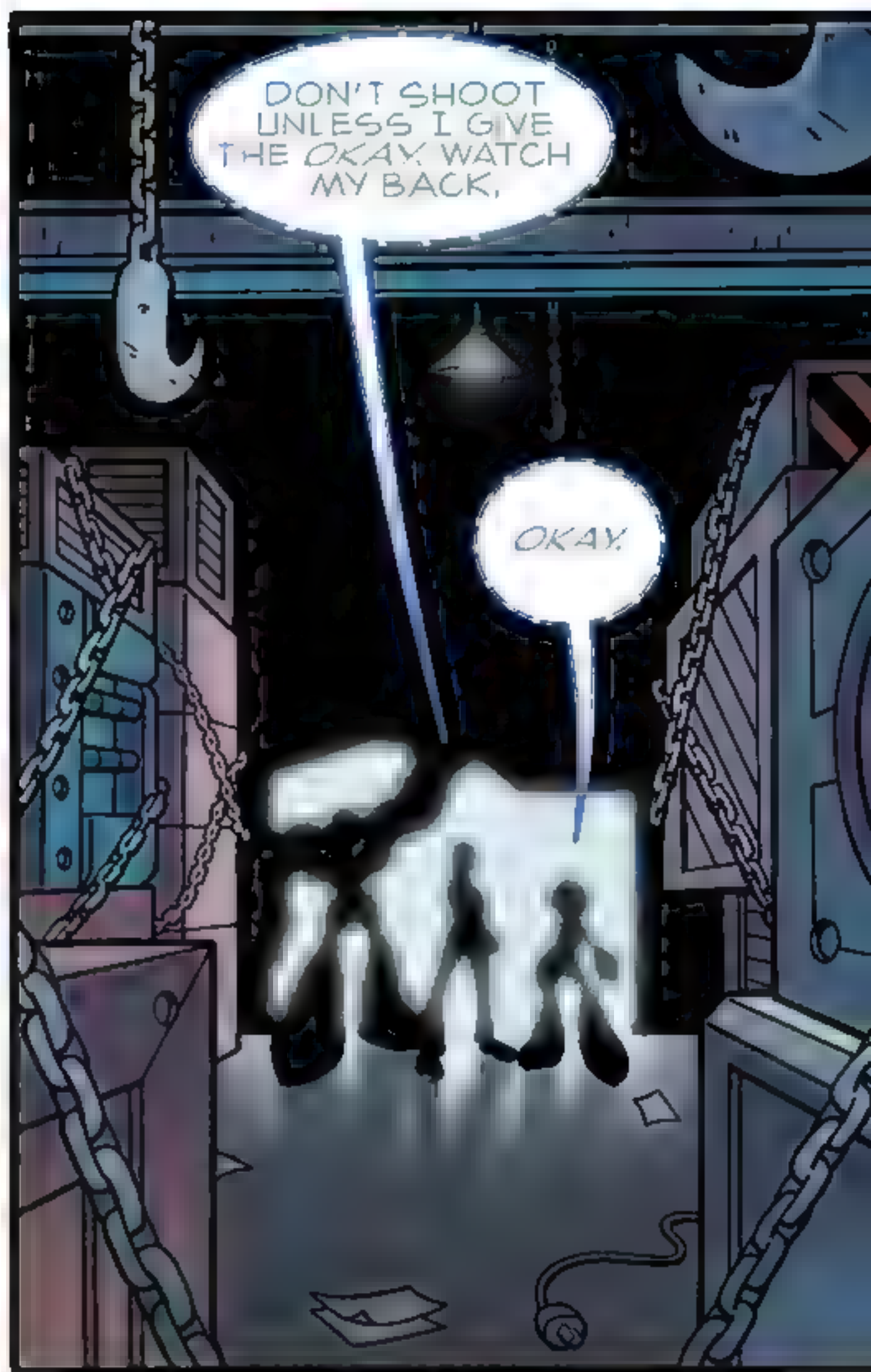
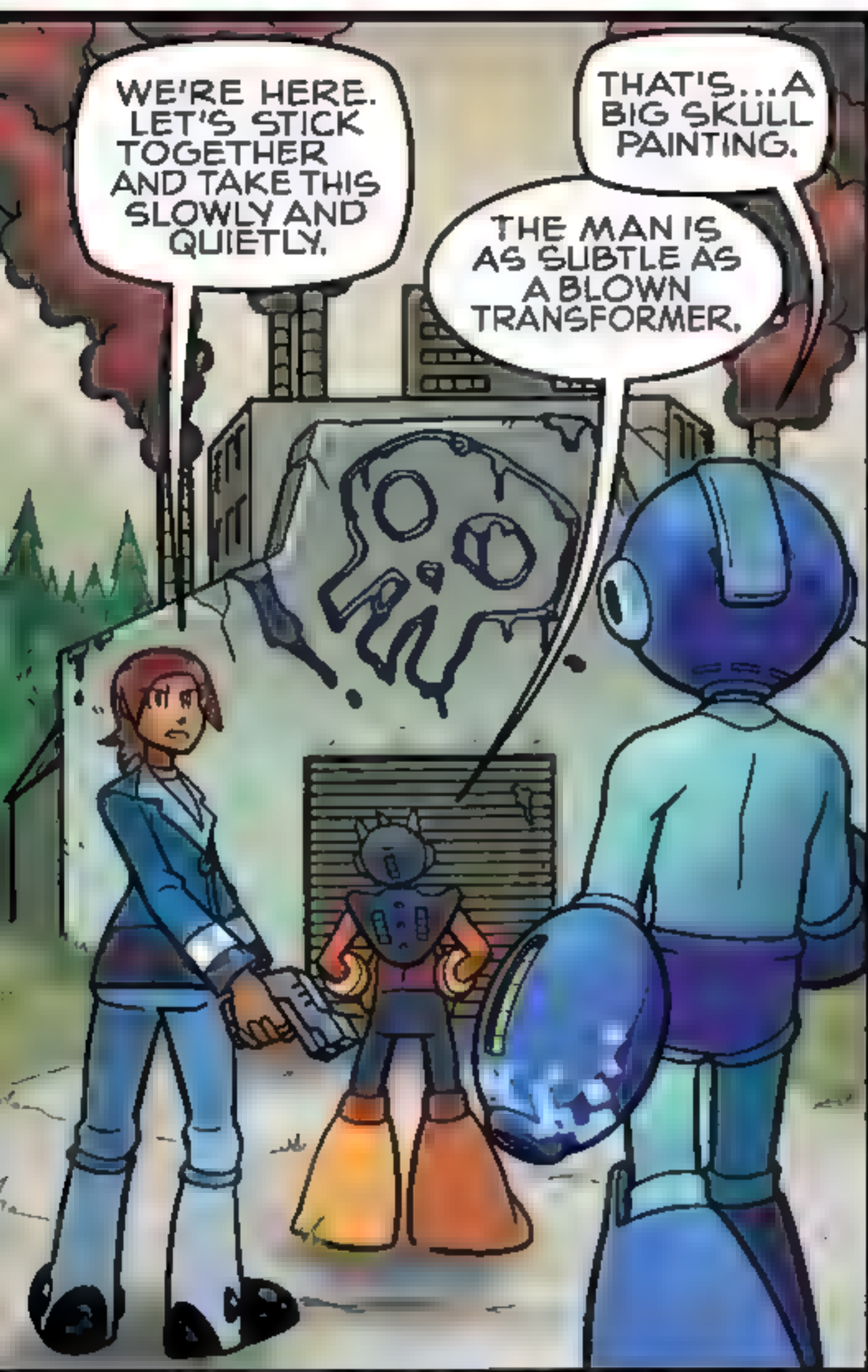


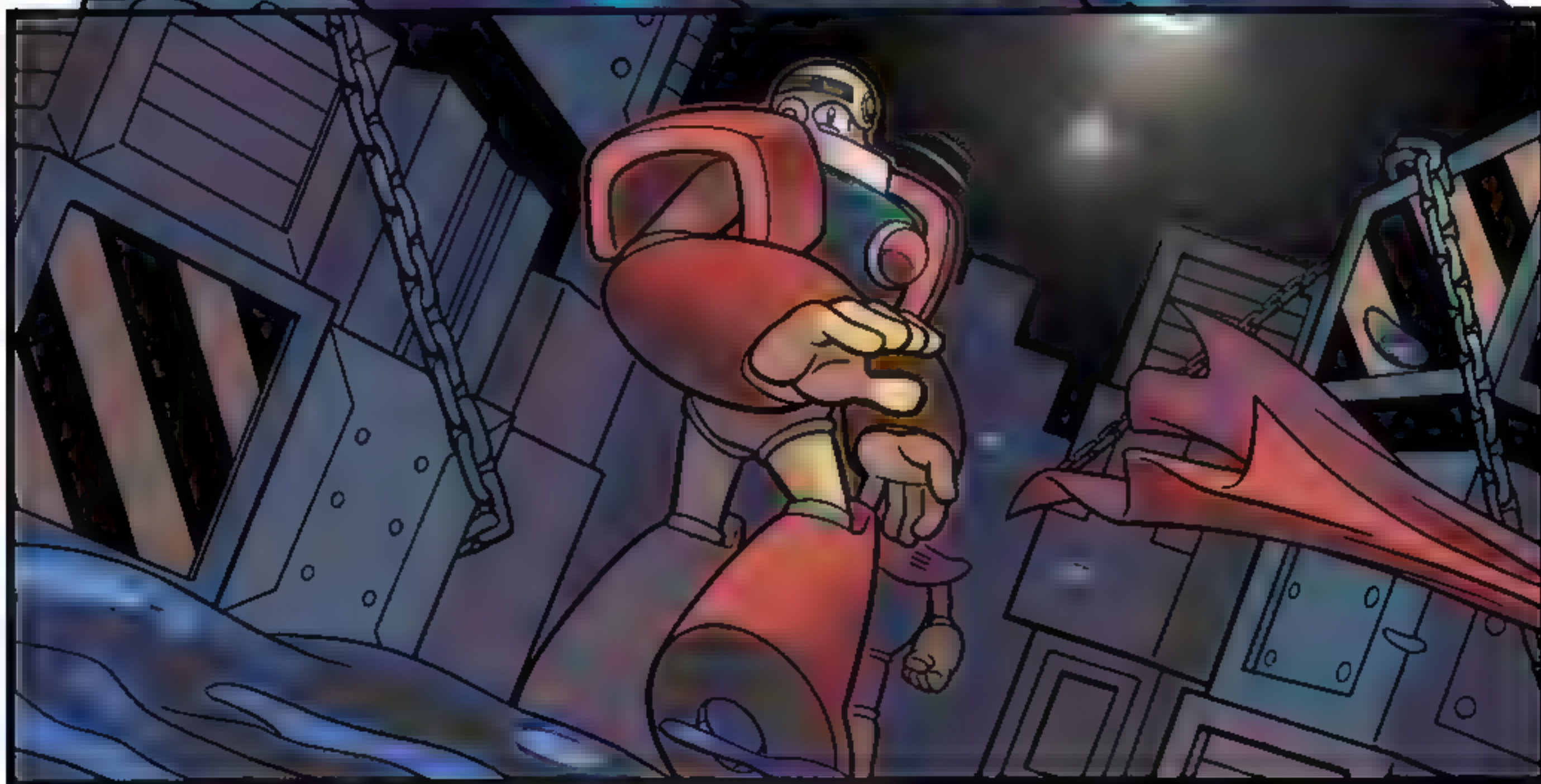
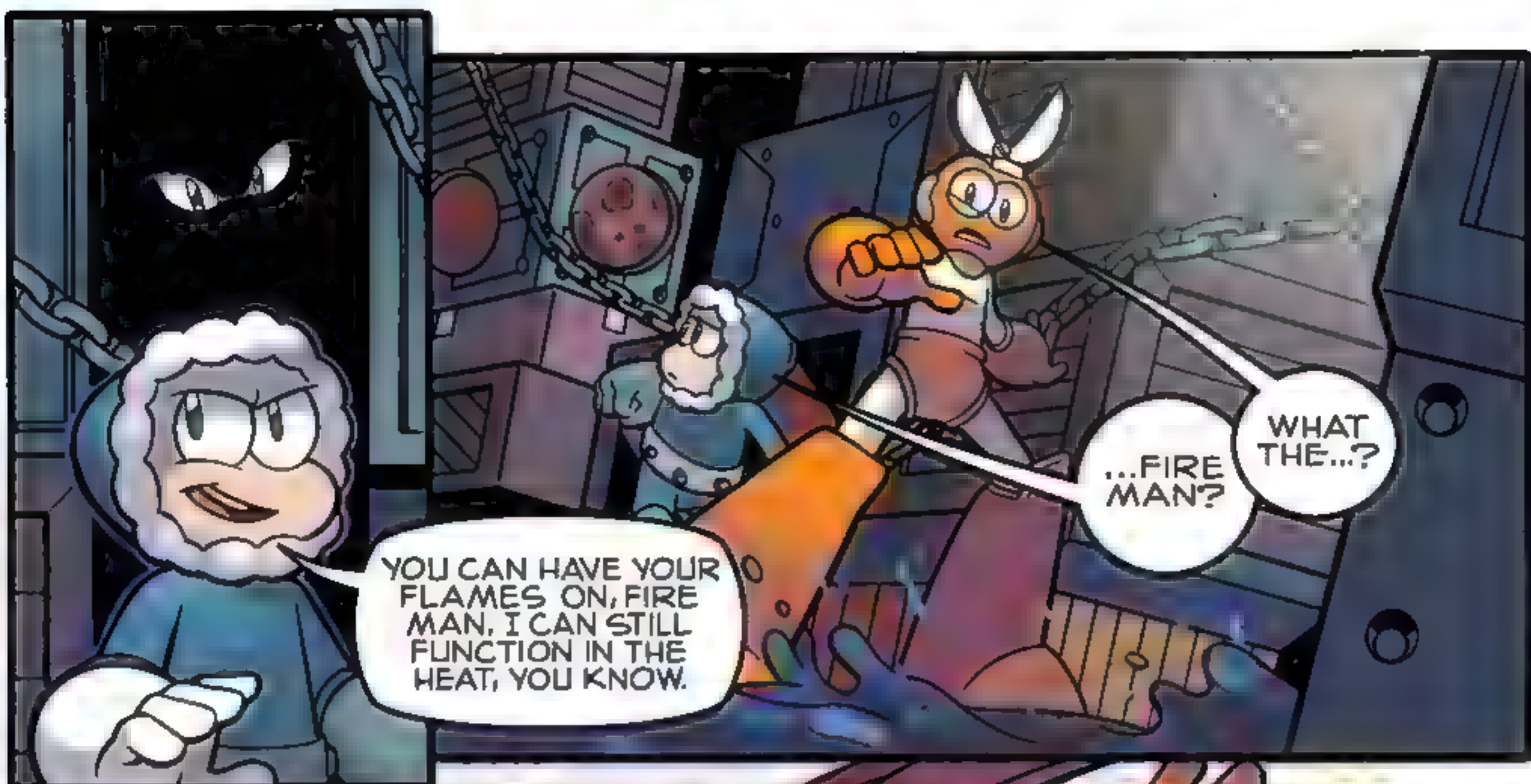
...OKAY, READY, EVERYONE?

SO WHOSE POWER ARE YOU GONNA USE FIRST, SIR?

HE'LL USE MINE, OF COURSE!

THIS ISN'T A COMPETITION!







THE
--!

ME,
TOO.

CLEAR.

OKAY, WE'LL
SPLIT INTO
TEAMS OF--
WAIT, WHERE
ARE THE
OTHERS?

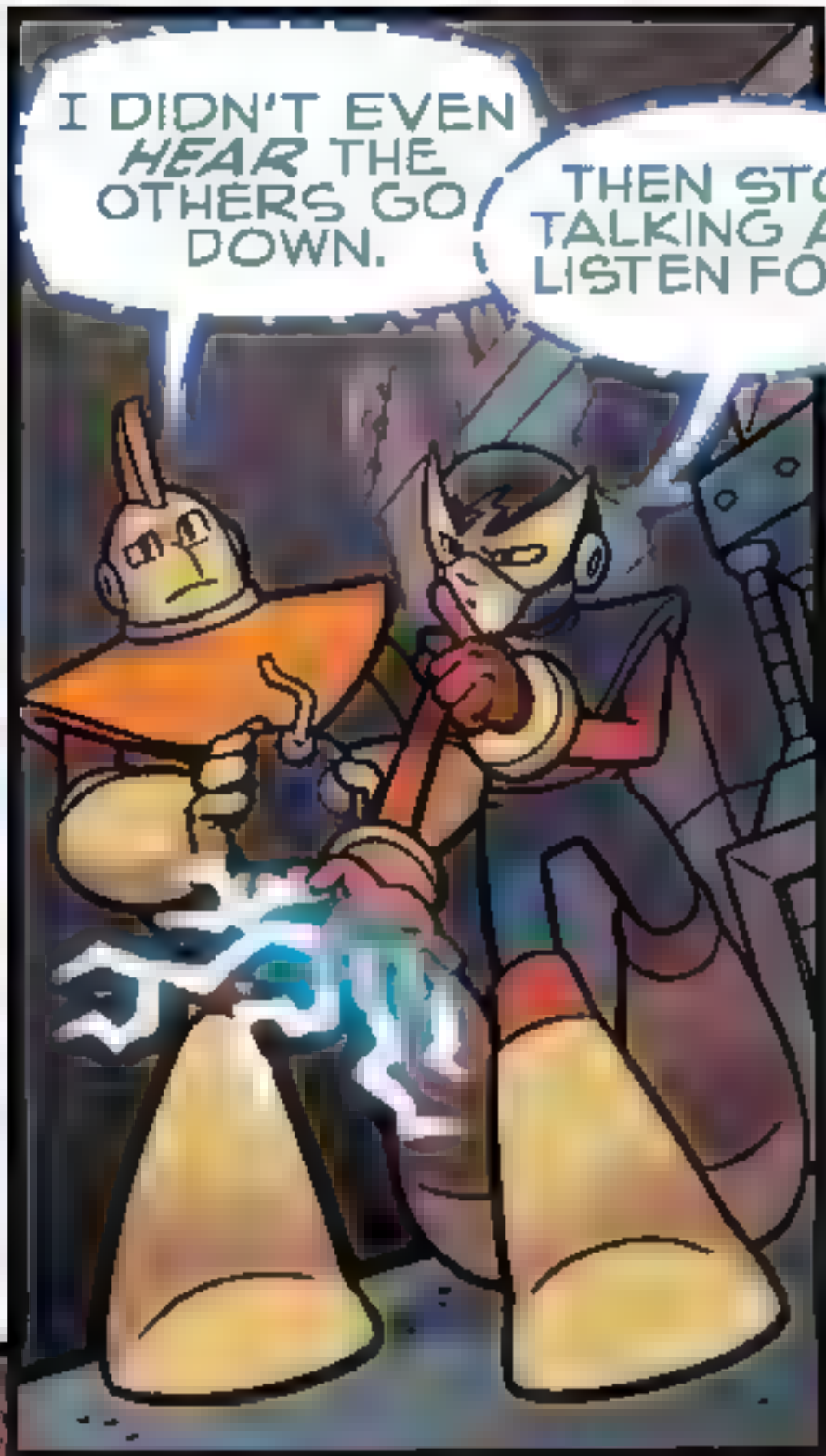


THEY'RE
NOT
RIGHT
BEHIND
ME?



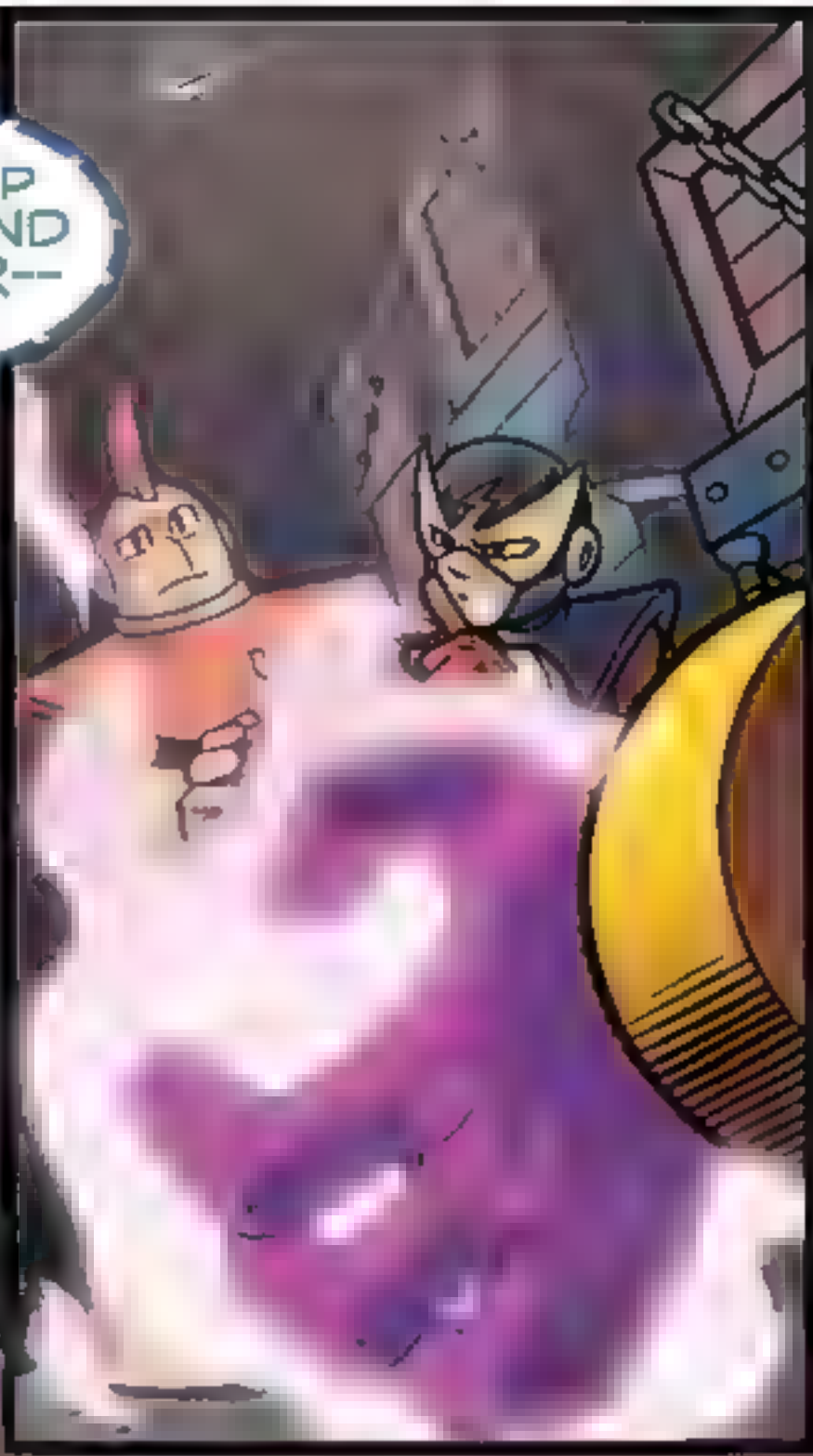
I'LL GO ONE
WAY WITH BOMB
MAN. MEGA
MAN, YOU PRO-
TECT THE
HUMAN.

RIGHT.
(I DON'T THINK
SHE'D REALLY
NEED ME,
THOUGH.)



I DIDN'T EVEN
HEAR THE
OTHERS GO
DOWN.

THEN STOP
TALKING AND
LISTEN FOR--



HMPH, IT
SEEMS YOUR
CHARGED
BODY DIS-
RUPTS MY
"TIME SLOW"
ABILITY.

I...
WON'T...
LET...
YOU.

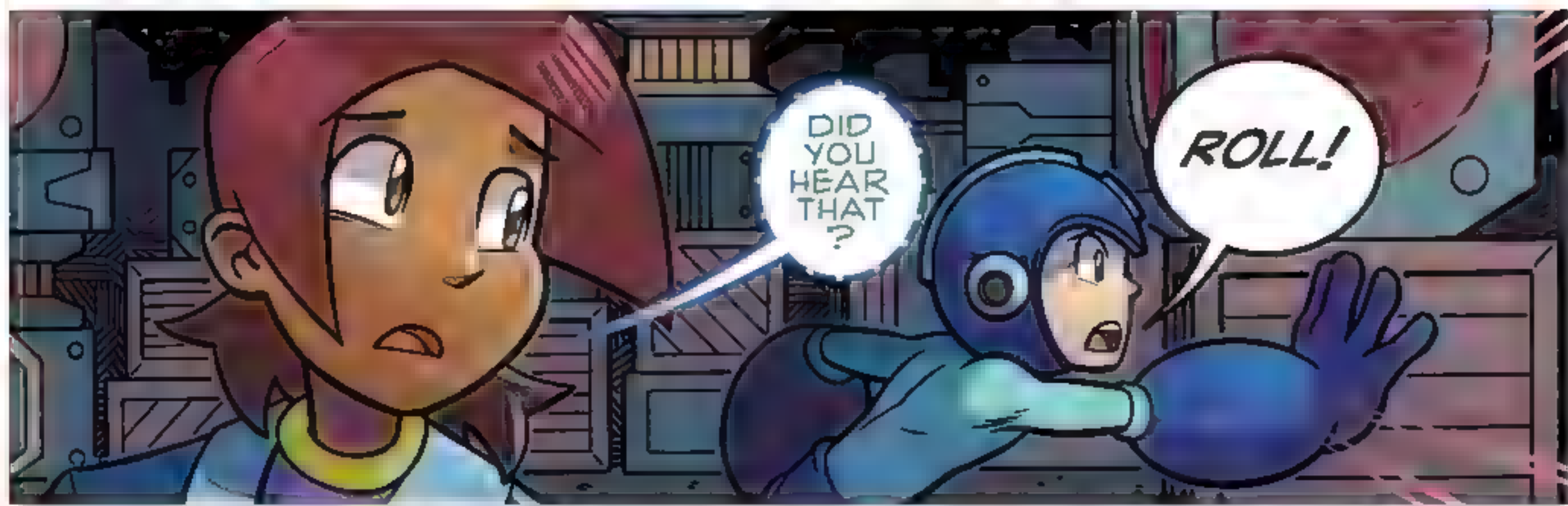
HNGH!



HOW'S
THAT FOR
PERFECT
TIMING?

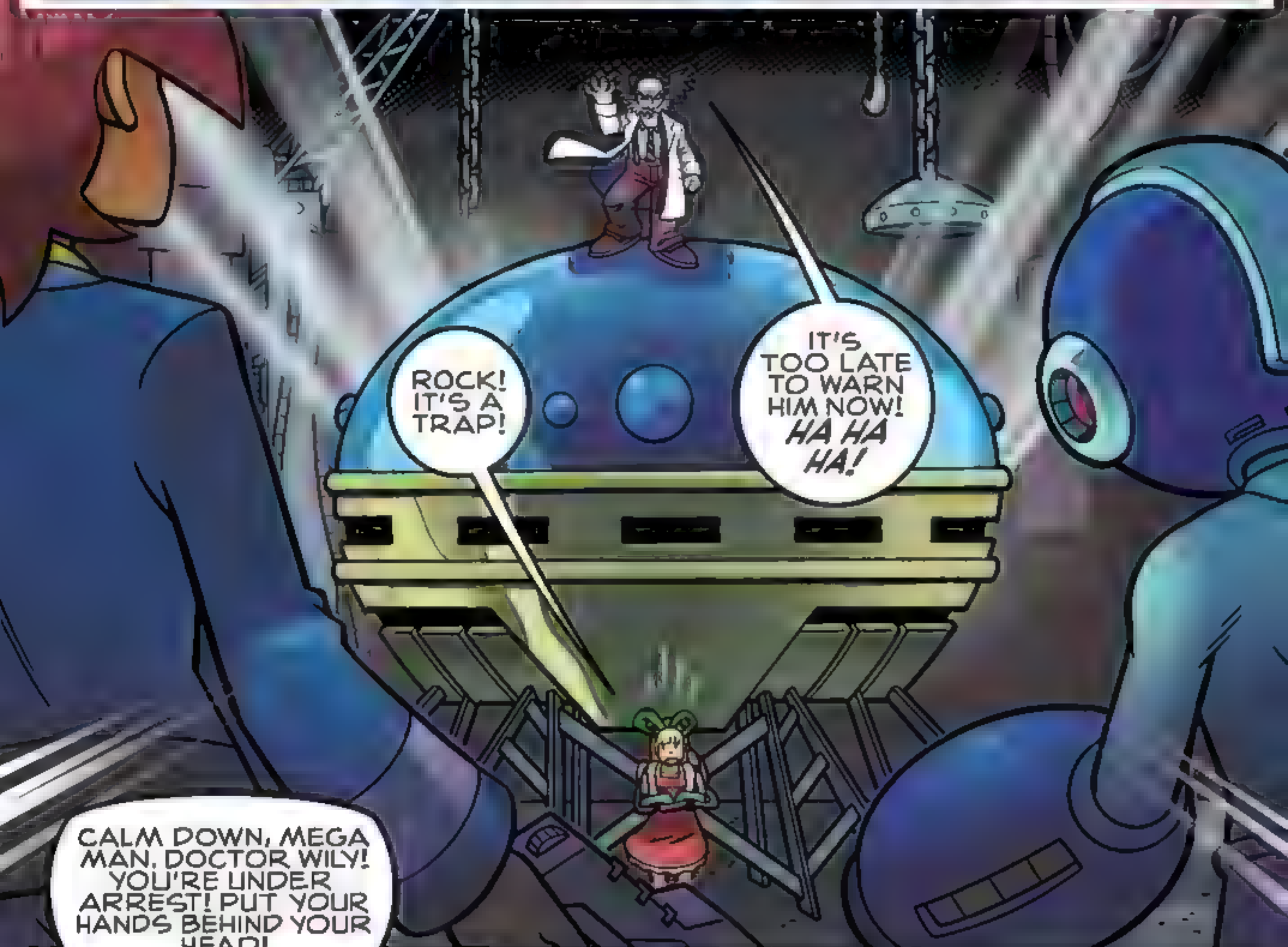
DECENT
ENOUGH.
NOW LET'S
APPLY THE
LAST TWO
CHIPS.





DID YOU
HEAR
THAT?

ROLL!



ROCK!
IT'S A
TRAP!

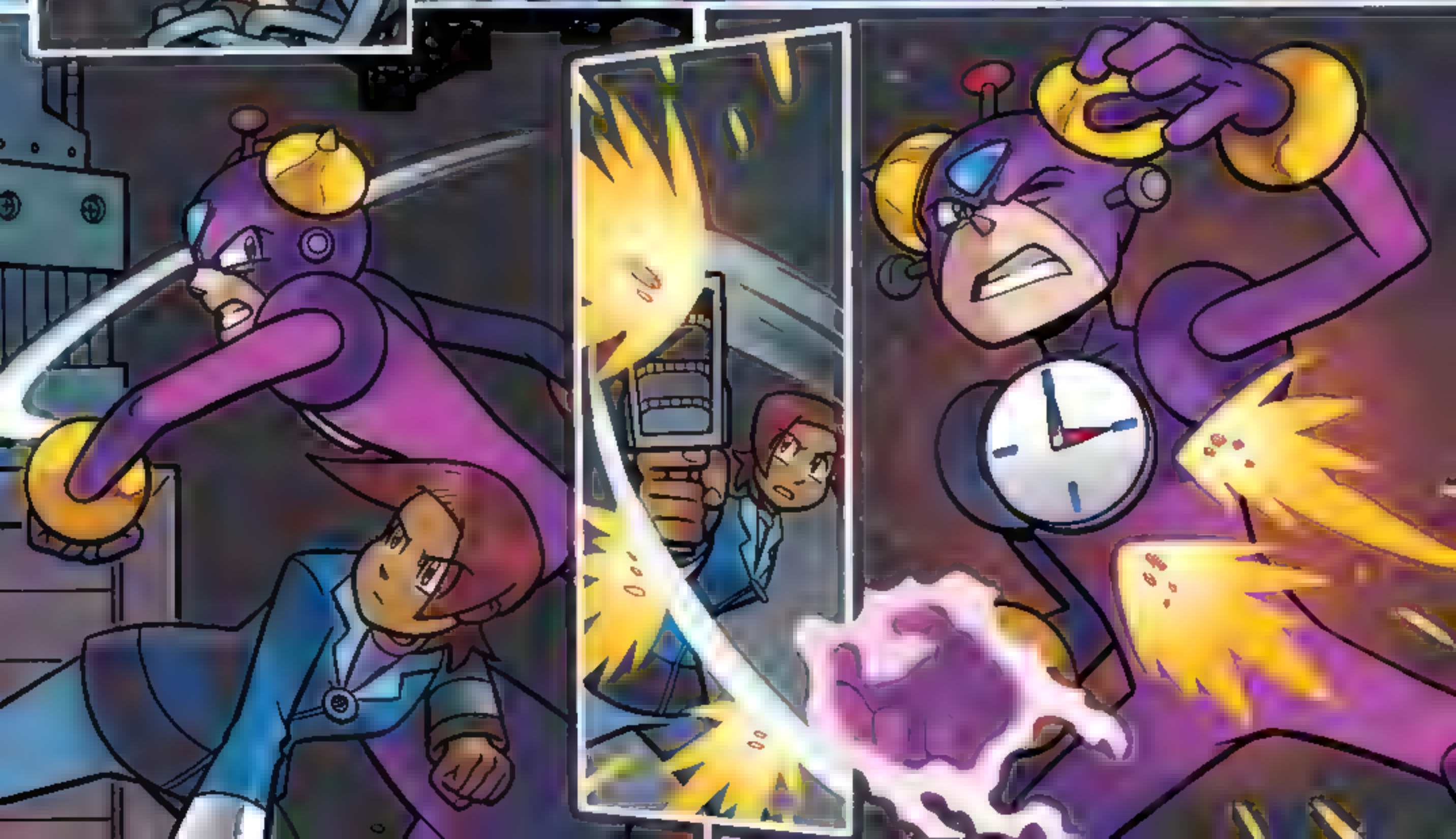
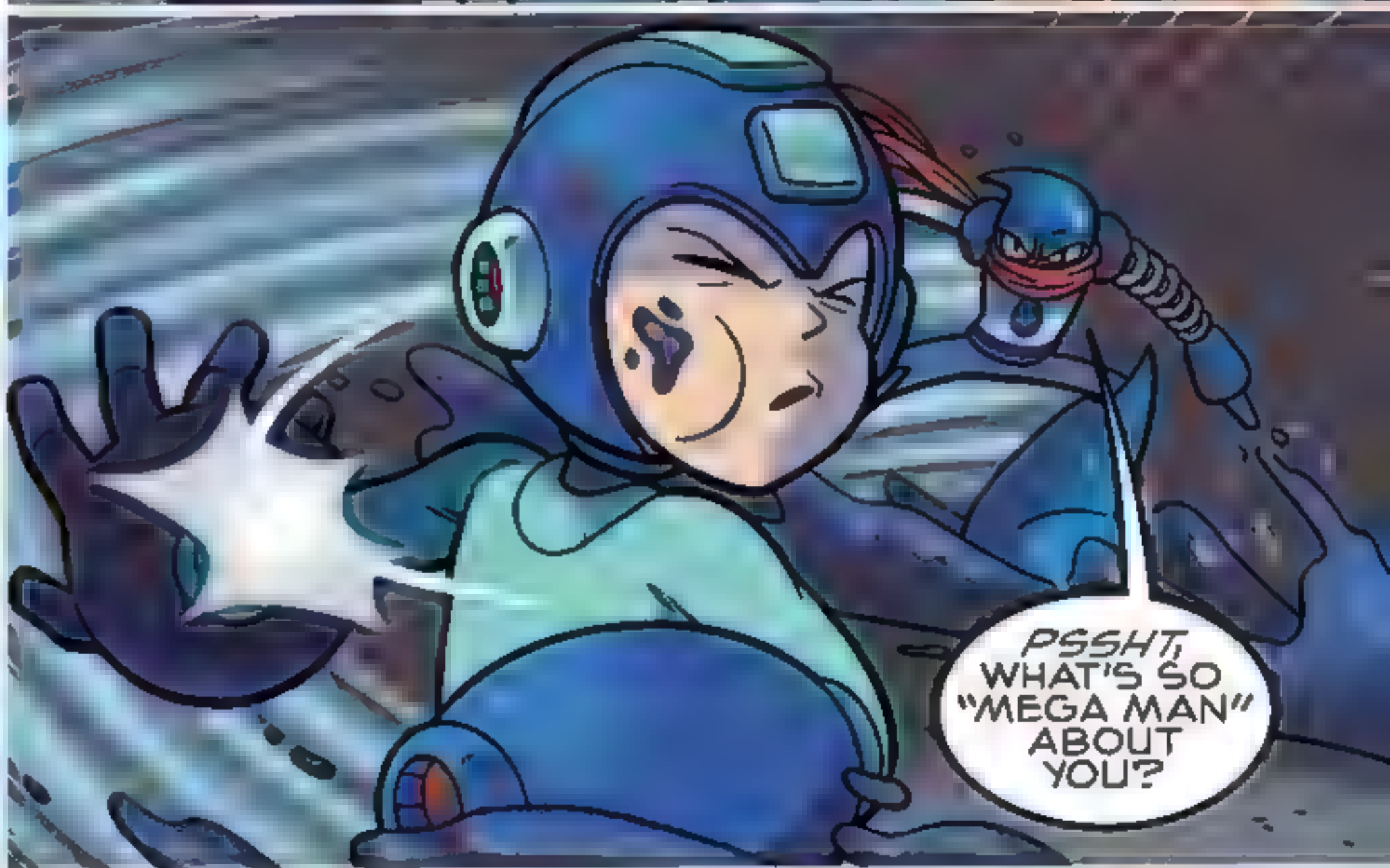
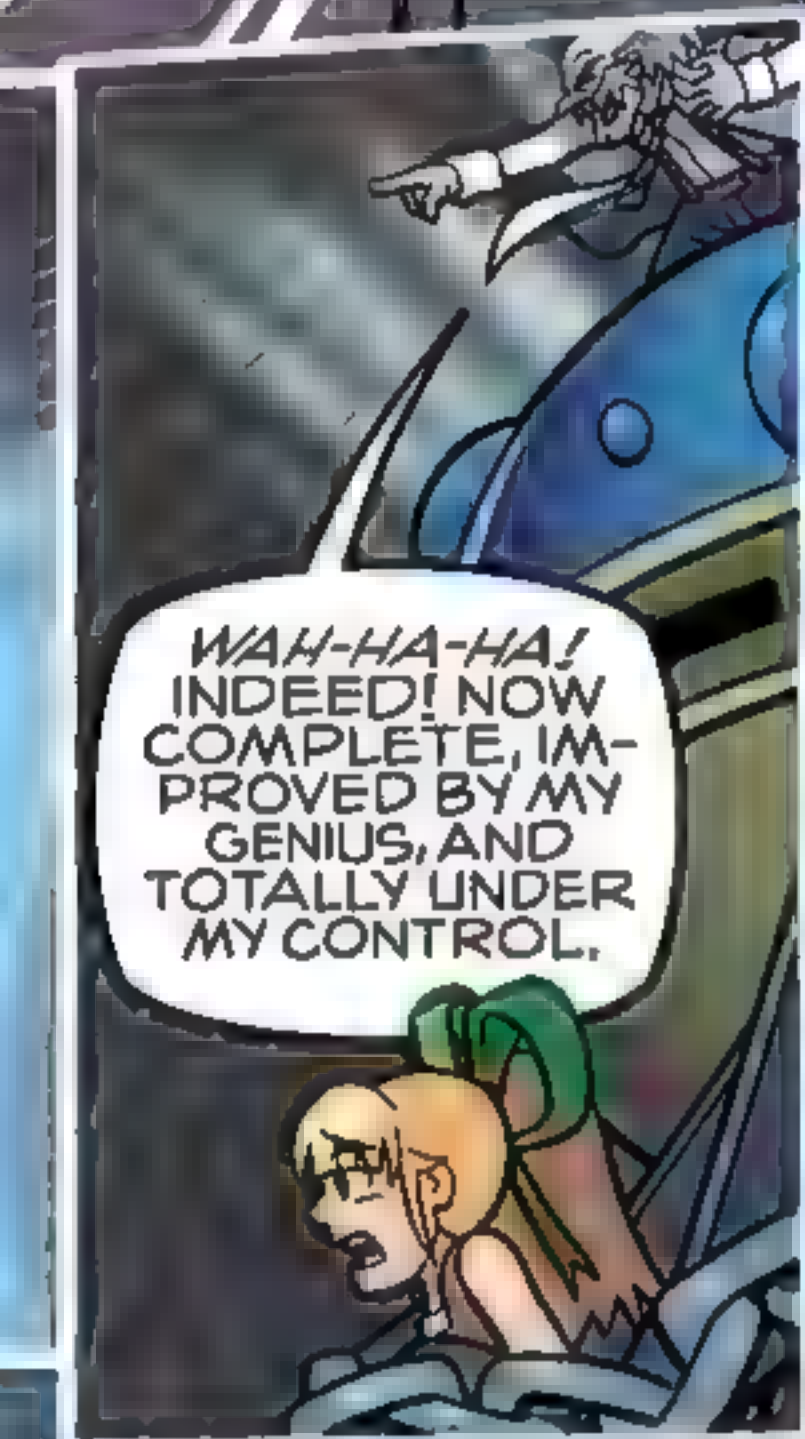
IT'S
TOO LATE
TO WARN
HIM NOW!
**HA HA
HA!**

CALM DOWN, MEGA
MAN. DOCTOR WILY!
YOU'RE UNDER
ARREST! PUT YOUR
HANDS BEHIND YOUR
HEAD!

**YEAH!
DO AS
SHE
SAYS!**



NO,
I DON'T
THINK I
WILL.





IT SEEMS
YOU'VE
RUN OUT
OF TIME.

AGENT
KRANTZ!



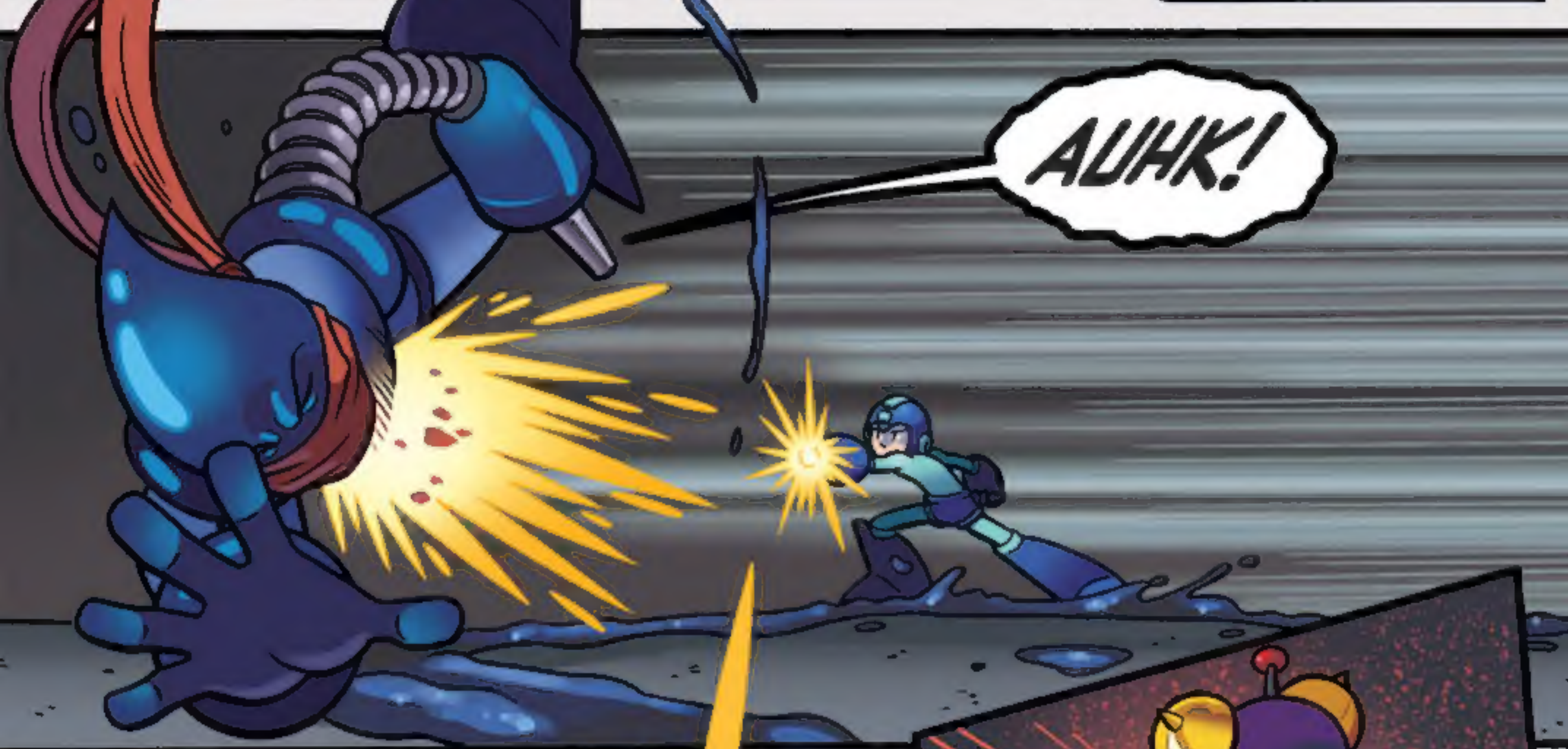
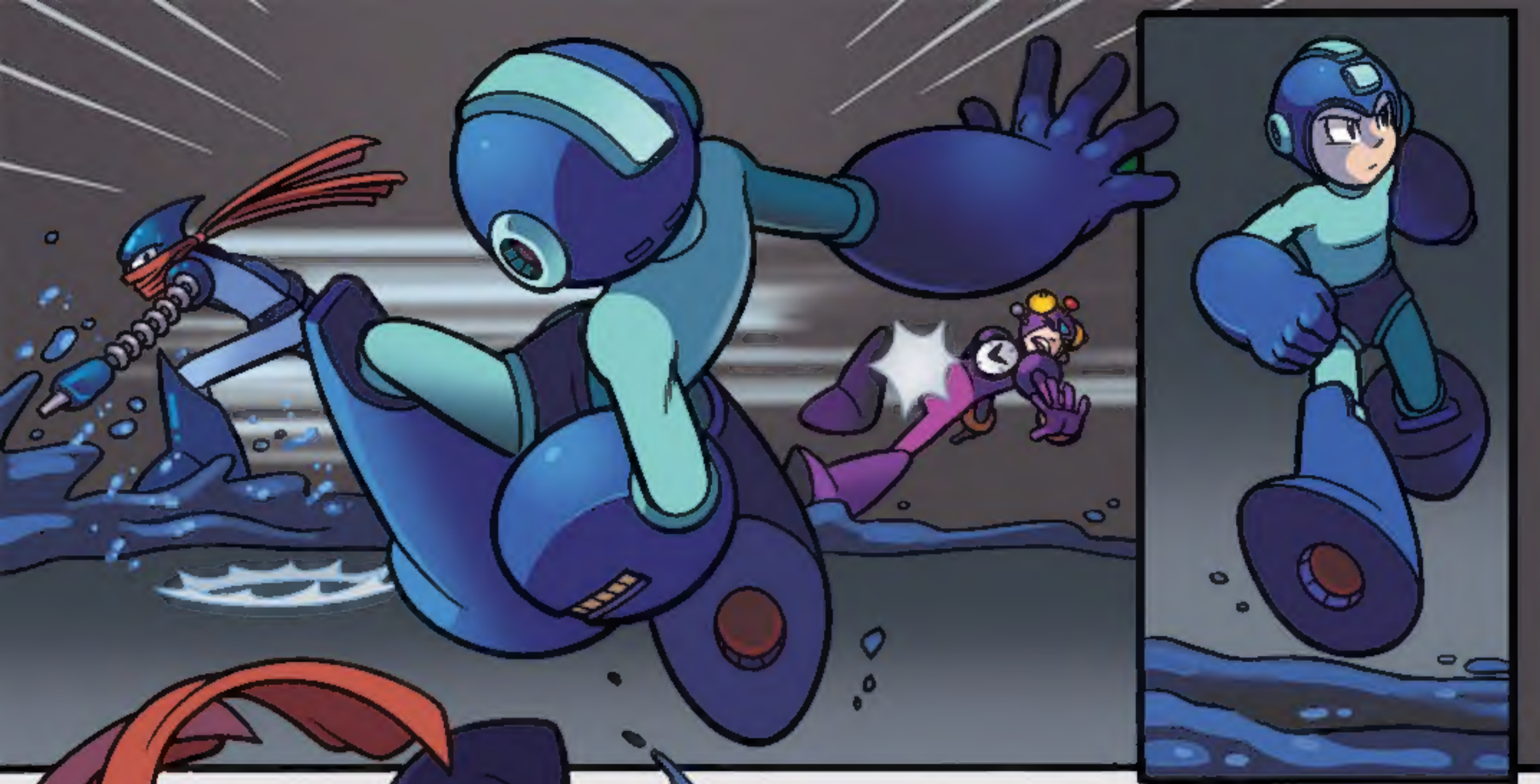
YOUR
WEAPONS
AREN'T
ENOUGH!
I'LL HANDLE
THESE TWO!
PLEASE
RESCUE
ROLL!

RIGHT. BE
CAREFUL.



OIL MAN!
STOP THE
HUMAN!

NO WAY!
I'M GONNA
GET MY TURN
WITH MISTER
BIG SHOT,
TOO!





DAAAAAANG,
HE TURNED MY
POWER AGAINST
ME WITHOUT EVEN
COPYING IT.

YOU
IDIOT...




DON'T WORRY, YOU
TWO. DR. LIGHT WAS
ABLE TO SAVE THE
OTHER ROBOT
MASTERS. I'M
SURE HE CAN FIX
YOU, TOO.

THEY DON'T
NEED FIXING,
MEGA MAN!
THEY ARE PRO-
GRAMMED TO
SERVE ME...



...OH,
NO...





...JUST
LIKE **ALL**
THE ROBOT
MASTERS!

ROLL IS AT THE MERCY
OF DR. WILY!
MEGA MAN IS UP
AGAINST ALL **EIGHT**
ROBOT MASTERS!
CAN **AGENT KRANTZ**
HELP SAVE THE DAY, OR
IS **HER TIME UP, TOO?**
DON'T MISS THE **EXCITING**
CONCLUSION NEXT TIME!
AND DON'T MISS THE
VERY FIRST PAPERBACK
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